Amendments to the claims:

Please replace all prior versions and listings of the claims with the following amended claims:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

searching for at least one device based on a content type;

detecting the at least one device;

detecting a protocol associated with each device;

matching the detected protocol with a protocol translator module; and

using the protocol translator module to translate a command formatted in the protocol into a translated command formatted in a common application programming interface, wherein the common application programming interface is a single application programming interface that is configured to be used by a plurality of applications.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising searching for the device from a plurality of devices based on a device identifier.

3. (canceled).

4. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising searching for the device from a plurality of devices based on a device type.

5. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising searching for the device from a plurality of devices based on a device's availability.

6. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising searching for the protocol translator module.

7. (currently amended) A system comprising:

means for searching for at least one device based on a content type;

means for detecting the at least one device;

means for detecting a protocol associated with each device;

means for matching the detected protocol with a protocol translator module; and

means for using the protocol translator module to translate a command formatted in the protocol into a translated command formatted in a common application programming interface, wherein the common application programming interface is a single application programming interface that is configured to be used by a plurality of applications.

8. (currently amended) A method comprising:

searching for at least one service based on a content type;

detecting at the least one service;

detecting a protocol associated with each service;

matching the detected protocol with a protocol translator module; and

using the protocol translator module to translate a command formatted in the protocol into a translated command formatted in a common application programming interface, wherein the common application programming interface is a single application programming interface that is configured to be used by a plurality of applications.

9. (currently amended) A method comprising:

searching for a specific device from a plurality of devices based on a content type;

detecting [[a]] the plurality of devices wherein each unique device communicates using a corresponding protocol;

displaying an indication of each device if a protocol translator module is matched with the corresponding protocol; and

translating a command formatted in the corresponding protocol into a translated command formatted in a common application programming interface through the protocol translator module, wherein the common application programming interface is a single application programming interface that is configured to be used by a plurality of applications.

10. (original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising detecting the corresponding protocol from each device.

11. (original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising storing the protocol translator module.

12. (canceled).

13. (original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising searching for a specific device from the plurality of devices based on a device identifier.

14. (canceled).

15. (original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising searching for a specific device from the plurality of devices based on a device type.

16. (original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising searching for a specific device from the plurality of devices based on a device's availability.

17. (previously presented) A method comprising:

identifying a plurality of protocol translator modules wherein each protocol translator module is associated with a unique protocol;

storing a list representing the plurality of protocol translator modules;

displaying an indication of each device having a device protocol that is compatible with one of the plurality of protocol translator modules in the list; and

translating a command formatted in the device protocol into a translated command formatted in a common application programming interface through one of the plurality of protocol translator modules, wherein the common application programming interface is a single application programming interface that is configured to be used by a plurality of applications.

18. (original) The method according to claim 17, further comprising searching for additional protocol translator modules.

19. (original) The method according to claim 18, further comprising updating the index in response to the searching for additional protocol translator modules.

20. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a plurality of applications configured for operating through a single, common application programming interface;

a first device configured for operating using a first protocol;

a second device configured for operating using a second protocol; and

a protocol translation layer configured for searching for a first protocol translation module corresponding to the first protocol and for searching for a second protocol translation module corresponding to the second protocol, the first protocol translation module and second protocol translation module stored in a list representing a plurality of protocol translator modules, wherein the protocol translation layer is configured to translate a first command formatted in the first protocol into a command formatted in the single, common application programming interface for use by one of the plurality of applications and to translate a second command formatted in the second protocol into a command formatted in the single, common application programming interface for use by another one of the plurality of applications.

21. (canceled).

22. (original) The system according to claim 20, further comprising a presentation layer configured for displaying the first device after locating the first protocol translation module.

23. (currently amended) A network protocol translation system comprising:

a processor that executes a plurality of run time processes that use only a single application programming interface for network communication;

wherein the processor enables at least one of the run time processes to communicate via a first network protocol by executing a first translation module that translates between the first network protocol and the single application programming interface; and

wherein the processor enables the at least one of the run time processes to communicate via a second network protocol, different from the first network protocol, by executing a second translation module that translates between the second network protocol and the application programming interface, further wherein the first translation module and second translation module are stored in a list representing a plurality of protocol translator modules.

24. (currently amended) A method, executed on a computing platform, comprising the acts of:

executing a plurality of run time processes that uses only a single application programming interface for network communication;

enabling at least one of the run time processes to communicate via a first network protocol by executing a first translation module that translates between the first network protocol and the single application programming interface; and

enabling the at least one of the run time processes to communicate via a second network protocol, different from the first network protocol, by executing a second translation module that translates between the second network protocol and the single application programming interface, wherein the first translation module and second translation module are stored in a list representing a plurality of protocol translator modules.